

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to all of the claims now in the application, (i.e., Claims 1, 3-11, 13-22, 24-27, and 29-31) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowability of Claim 29 and the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 12, 23, 26, and 27 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of Claim 12, (now cancelled) into Claim 1 and the remaining dependent Claims 3-11 are now ultimately dependent upon this currently amended Claim 1 so as to place Claims 1 and 3-11 in condition for allowance. Relative to the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claim 23, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of Claim 23, (now cancelled) into Claim 13 and the remaining dependent Claims 14-22 and 24-27 are now ultimately dependent upon this currently amended Claim 13 so as to place Claims 13-22 and 24-27 in condition for allowance. With respect to the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 26 and 27, Applicant has added new Claim 30 which incorporates the subject matter of Claims 13, 23, and 26 and new Claim 31 which incorporates the subject matter of Claims 13, 23, 26, and 27 so as to put them in condition for allowance as well. Applicant has cancelled Claim 28.

Finally, USPTO Credit Card Payment form in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) is enclosed herewith to cover the official filing fee for the addition of one more independent claim. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 07-0130.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 1, 3-11, 13-22, 24-27, and 29 at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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